

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

August 26, 2010

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: Councilor Kelly (W2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on August 19, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending August 25, 2010 in the amount of \$ 256,447.70 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 19 – August 25, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 22 – August 20, 2010
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from July 1 – July 31, 2010
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from August 1 – August 16, 2010

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. **CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,038,963.94 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

Bonnie Miller 65 Cumberland Avenue asked for a follow-up (and have the **Mayor** get back to her) on crosswalks around the city and if the police have done more (issued tickets or warnings) to make sure motorists are stopping for pedestrians. Also, feels speeding vehicles are an issue on Cumberland Avenue. There had been a stop sign that seemed to help slow vehicles down but it was removed. She feels something needs to be done. **Mayor Kasprzak** will ask the Police Chief again about the crosswalk issue and have him get back to her and he asked **Kevin Farrington City Engineer** to review Cumberland Avenue and the length between traffic slow down or stop signage, etc

Ed Champagne 86 Court Street wanted to respond to **Jon Ruff Environmental Manager's** "In My Opinion" letter in the Press Republican recently that he and Alexander Edwards misinformed the public about some of the issues regarding the compost plant. In his case specifically, the several million dollars that he has been trying to track down for awhile. He was able to obtain information thru a "FOIL" request. He spoke about the information **Jon Ruff Environmental Manager's** gave at the first and second public information meetings regarding the proceeds from the insurance at the compost plant. He feels the public is being misinformed but he doesn't feel they are being misinformed by himself or Mr. Edwards.

7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a request from SUNY Police Chief Sabo for permission to divert and direct one-way traffic to the west (as in past school years) on Rugar St between the Myers Building and Sanborn Rd on August 28, 2010 from 7am to 7pm.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2010-08 "Park Avenue Roadway and Waterline Improvements" be awarded to A.P. Reale & Sons Inc for the lump sum base bid price of \$369,330.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion:

Councilor Rabideau said it has been a long time coming and we did money away in the past to try and do some surface work about 2 years ago and it is a good thing we didn't do any surface work at the time because we have ended up with about 5 water breaks so the money would have been wasted. We have solved the problems on Park Avenue with the infrastructure and now we are not only resurfacing that area but they are also resolving some of the storm drain problems by the infrastructure work

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the City Chamberlain to establish capital project (H7020.16), 2010 Penfield/South Platt Park Improvements Project, in order to provide for rehabilitation of athletic fields and park facilities.
2. Request from the North Country Center for Independence to hold an ADA Celebration with the candidates event on October 2, 2010 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm in Trinity Park.
3. Recommendation from Lake City LDC loan committee for the approval of an economic development loan to DeLish by Irises for a new business to be located at 24 City Hall Place.
4. Request from Fire Chief Paul Williams for Kathy Leavine to attend the "Ambulance Billing, Coding & Compliance Fall Conference" from October 19 – 22, 2010 in Hershey, PA. The total cost of the trip should not exceed \$1,536.00.
5. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for one Police Officer to attend the "Law Enforcement Training Directors Fall Conference" from September 22 – 24, 2010 in Saratoga Springs, NY. The cost will not exceed \$410 and will be paid out of Asset Forfeiture Fund (Treasury Funds).

6. Request from the residents of Grace Avenue to block Grace Avenue at the Cornelia and Ash Street entrances on Saturday, September 18, 2010 between the hours of 11 am and 6 pm to hold a block party on the south end of Grace Avenue.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Valentine wanted to respond to Bonnie Miller's discussion earlier. Cumberland Avenue has been problematic for years prior to removal of the "illegal" stop sign and after removal of the sign. The Council has imposed truck weight limits on that street and with the installation of bike lanes it would help to calm traffic. This has been ongoing and she has asked numerous times to have more police presence. They have had neighborhood meetings and lots of discussions on this issue. She doesn't know what the fix is and she knows speed bumps are a great problem during the winter and then to address these illegal stop signs. We have the one up on Kennedy that needs to go, the purpose of a stop sign is to stop traffic, not to slow/calm traffic and that is not the proper use of a stop sign. She thinks they took the stop sign out of Delord and Lorraine because of the same issue. Also had calls about North end of Boynton Ave and speeding issues and asked that the Police Chief look at the Cumberland Ave issue.

Councilor Carpenter asked if the police department could put up speed control cameras.

Mayor Kasprzak stated he doesn't believe you can ticket anyone using those cameras and he will discuss with **Police Chief Desmond Racicot**.

Councilor Valentine said once you pave a road people just love to start driving fast. There is a real argument for keeping "crappy" roads.

Councilor Calnon had similar complaints when Bailey was done.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:51 pm